Opening of Indian Institute of Information Technology in each State

574. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to improve the quality and quantity of technical manpower in the country, his Ministry plans to open Indian Institute of Information Technology in each State;

(b) if so, whether the proposal of setting up of 20 institutions, which will be functional from July next year has been approved;

(c) if so, whether Ministry's detailed project will require a funding of Rs. 3700 crore over a period of six years;

(d) if so, whether the proposals have been accepted by Government; and

(e) by what time a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) A proposal is under consideration of Government of India for setting up of new Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) in the country.

(b) to (e) A Detailed Project Report for setting up of Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) has been prepared and is presently under consideration of the Planning Commission for their "in-principle" approval.

Education cess

†575. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 87 per cent of total amount recovered as 2 per cent education cess had been allocated to be spent on education during the year 2005-2006;

(b) if not, the facts thereof and the names of the States and the amount provided to each of the above sector out of this 87 per cent amount; and

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(c) the total amount of this 13 per cent balance and the purpose for which it has been utilised so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) As per the Receipts budget 2005-06 of the Ministry of Finance, estimated receipts from the Education Cess in 2005-06 were Rs. 6975.00 crores. After the imposition of Education Cess, outlays for Sarve Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day Meal Scheme were augmented considerably in 2005-06 to help achievement of the goals of Universalization of Elementary Education but no specific allocation against the proceeds of Education Cess were made. In addition to the General Budgetary allocations, contribution of Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh has been shown as a separate line item only from the budget of 2006-07.

Allocations to States are not being made separately against the Education Cess. Assistance to them is released under individual schemes related to Elementary Education in accordance with the guidelines of such schemes and against their respective budgetary allocations.

School in Private Sector

†576. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that schools are existing in private sector as well as public sector to provide education upto XII class in the country presently;

(b) if so, the percentage of schools in private sector as well as Government sector separately for school education at present; and

(c) the percentage of students securing education in Government as well as private schools separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

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